



## Fire Fighter Career

Looking for a physically challenging and professionally rewarding career? A career with great benefits, room for growth, and flexible work schedule? Join the Stockton Fire Department! The Stockton Fire Department operates its own Fire Academy. Successful applications for the position of Fire Fighter Trainee are paid while attending the Academy.

Here is what you can look forward to and what it takes to be a member of one of the top-rated departments in the state.

Firefighting involves vigorous, skilled physical work and continuous training to handle emergency and situations. In addition to fighting fires and rescuing citizens, fire fighters:

- work with citizens to promote fire prevention,
- provide emergency medical care (both first responder and paramedic),
- perform fire-suppression activities,
- perform water rescue,
- protect the environment from hazardous material incidents,
- perform heavy rescue operations from cars and collapsed buildings, and
- conduct and participate in training programs to stay current on firefighting technology and methods.

## Fire Fighter Qualifications

- 18 years of age or older.
- High school graduate or possess a G.E.D.
- Successfully pass a medical exam, vision, hearing and drug screening.
- Pass written, oral and physical ability tests.
- Have valid California Class "C" Driver's License and obtain Class "B" Restricted Driver's License within one year of appointment.
- Possess (or acquire within one year of employment) certification as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - Basic. EMT Basic Training provided at Academy (if offered).
- Legally authorized to work in the United States.
- Pass comprehensive background investigation and psychological assessment, polygraph, and fingerprinting.
- Reside within a geographic area to reach City Hall within 45 minutes.

## Career Opportunities

Explore a challenging career opportunity in one of the most progressive fire departments in California and specialize as:

- **Paramedic** – As a firefighter, become part of an ever-growing, advanced Emergency Medical System.
- **Hazardous Materials Team** – Train as a Haz-Mat Technician or Specialist for hazardous materials mitigation and awareness.
- **Water Rescue Team** – Specialize in Swift Water Rescue or Dive Rescue Certified and provide water safety on the waterways surrounding our community.
- **Heavy Rescue Team** – Train in confined space, trench, and high/low angle rescue should a major disaster strike.
- **Fire Prevention Division** – As a Firefighter, train in fire-safety inspections, fire code compliance, and public education for personal fire safety. Enter the Fire Prevention Division as a Deputy Fire Marshal.
- **Fire Training Division** – Advance educational and promotional goals through technical schools, State Fire Academy, and "hands-on" job training. Opportunities to advance to a Deputy Training Director.

## Suggested Courses and Activities

- Community College courses in fire science, English grammar and reading comprehension, basic math, public speaking, building trades, and auto mechanics.
- First Aid courses such as EMT-B Certification, CPR, and Advanced First Aid.
- Community Involvement such as volunteer service organizations